

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2007.

The specification was objected to, as being unclear “how an unaided eye can perform the visualizing of the propagated dye or pigment into the lymphatic system.” This subject matter was also claimed in dependent claim 38. Responsive to the Office’s concern, claim 39 has been amended as follows:

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein the selected visualizing mode in the visualizing step includes at least one of ultrasound, X-ray, MRI, and elastography, microwave and the unaided eye.

The Summary section of the specification has been similarly amended. Therefore, neither the claims nor the specification recite that the unaided eye can perform the visualization of the propagated dye or pigment into the lymphatic system. Moreover, the phrase “visualizing mode” has been provided with proper antecedent basis. The Examiner’s careful attention to detail in this regard is appreciated. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Claims 38 and 172 were rejected for indefiniteness under 35 U.S.C. §112(2). Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections are respectfully requested.

Responsive to these rejections, independent claim 34 has been amended as follows:

34. (Currently Amended) A method for mapping a lymphatic system following a cavity generating procedure, comprising:

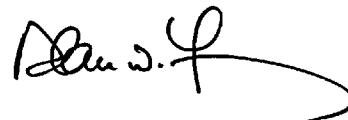
providing a post-biopsy cavity treatment implant, the implant including a collagenous matrix having a non-uniform cross-linking density that is configured to cause the implant to swell non-uniformly when implanted, the implant including at least one of a dye or and a pigment contained therein...

This amendment provides proper antecedent basis for later use of the phrase “the at least one of dye and pigment” in later dependent claims, such as claim 38. Claims 35 and 37 have also been amended to account for their amended independent claim.

Claim 172 has been amended to depend upon amended claim 171, where the term “an aldehyde” is first introduced. Again, the Examiner’s attention to detail is appreciated.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance. If any unresolved issues remain, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number indicated below and whatever is necessary to resolve such issues will be done at once.

Respectfully submitted,



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